

Municipal Building, Lodi, Cal., December 27, 1915.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Lodi convened in adjourned regular session at 8:00 p. m. There were present Trustees Hale, Black, Keeney, Deaver and Folendorf.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Building permits were granted as follows:

J. G. Thompson, private garage, 408 West Locust Street
M. D. Foccaci, " " , 342 North Pleasant Avenue.
W. P. Lancaster, " " , Lots 7-8 Lancaster Court.
Walter Skotland, " " , 525 North School Street.

The application of Hotel Lodi Company, a corporation, for license to conduct a saloon business at 104 West Pine street, having been introduced and read at the meeting of the Board of Trustees December 20th, was found to be in regular form under the provisions of Ordinance No. 78. No protests against granting the same having been filed with the City Clerk, Trustee Keeney moved, seconded by Trustee Folendorf, the license be granted. The motion was carried by the following vote: Ayes: Trustees Hale, Black, Keeney, Deaver and Folendorf. Nays: None. Absent: None.

A communication from the Civic Improvement Committee of the Chamber of Commerce requested the Board to remedy the unsightly condition of the City's lots at Lodi Avenue and Sacramento streets by removing the incinerator, cleaning up all refuse and junk and parking the same. The matter was referred to a committee of the whole.

W. P. Lancaster requested the Board to purchase 10 or 12 loads of dirt to fill up the sidewalk space fronting certain lots on First street. Referred to street committee.

J. C. Ferguson reported to the Board that the sewer was not in working condition at the Ferguson-Hopkins building on North Sacramento street. The matter was referred to Public Utilities Committee.

Trustee Black moved, seconded by Trustee Keeney, that the President of the Board be authorized to secure, if possible, the services of James T. Langford as expert in the matter of the controversy over the electric contract between the City of Lodi and Mason Brothers, to figure proper rates for the same and make a report with recommendations to the Board, all necessary records and data to be furnished by the Superintendent and City Clerk's office. The motion was carried by the following vote: Ayes: Trustees Hale, Black, Keeney, Deaver and Folendorf. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Following discussion of the proper disposition of a communication from Trustee Deaver to the Board under date of December 20th recommending the dismissal of Superintendent Henning, Trustee Deaver made the following motion: "I move that the services of Superintendent of Public Utilities Henning be dispensed with January 1, 1916, for reasons previously set forth." There was no second.

Trustee Keeney moved, seconded by Trustee Black, that the communication above referred to be placed on file. The motion was carried by the following vote: Ayes: Keeney, Black, Deaver, Folendorf and Hale. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Superintendent Henning, in a communication to the Board, recommended certain changes and reductions in rates for electric energy for power, which communication was filed and the matter referred to a committee of the whole.

The matter of improved water service for the residences of John Montgomery and Walter Taylor was referred to Chairman Black of the Public Utilities Committee.

Trustee Black suggested to the Board that the time is now ripe for the City of Lodi to take over the care and planting of the sidewalk trees of the City, and recommended that the matter be taken up at once, proper rules and regulations be formulated and a tree warden appointed.

The matter of a proper floor covering for the lobby of the city hall and City Clerk's office was referred to Trustee Black, Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee, with power to act.

Upon motion the Board adjourned.

Attest:

N. S. Clark
City Clerk.